

the end of the tail. Bill brown, with the under mandible paler at the base; mouth yellow; legs and toes brown with the under surface of the toes inclining to yellow; claws brown. Its manners, as far as I had an opportunity of observing them, were so like those of the golden-crested wren, that at first I mistook it for that species. It was continually in motion, flitting from place to place in search of insects on umbelliferous plants, and such other herbage as the bleak banks of the Northumberland coast affords: such a situation could not be at all suited to the habits of this species, and there can be little doubt that it had arrived at the coast previous to or immediately after its autumnal migrations.—J. HANCOCK, *Newcastle-on-Tyne*.

*Note*.—When Mr. Gould's figure appeared in the 'Birds of Europe,' we expressed an opinion that this might only prove a young bird of some of the other species, and we rejoice that an opportunity has now occurred of clearing this doubt. Mr. Hancock has stated to Mr. Selby that the covering of the nostrils in his specimen consists of various feathers and not of a single plumulet as in the other *Reguli*: this will afford a distinguishing mark, and will moreover destroy the importance of the structure as a generic character. We would recommend, however, that the nestling or first plumage of the *Regulus aurocapillus* and *ignicapillus* should still be examined.—EDIT.

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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR OCTOBER 1838.

*Chiswick*.—Oct. 1. Hazy. 2. Cloudy: fine. 3. Fine. 4. Very fine. 5. Hazy: fine. 6, 7. Overcast. 8, 9. Bleak and cold. 10. Cloudy. 11. Cloudy and fine. 12. Clear and cold: slight snow. 13. Clear: showery: frosty at night. 14. Overcast: showery: frosty at night. 15, 16. Cloudy. 17, 18. Fine. 19. Overcast: clear and fine. 20. Rain: overcast. 21—24. Cloudy and fine. 25. Foggy: clear at night. 26. Fine. 27. Cloudy: stormy and wet at night. 28. Hazy: heavy rain: violent hurricane from s.w. during the night. 29. Clear and windy. 30. Fine. 31. Heavy rain.

*Boston*.—Oct. 1. Cloudy. 2, 3. Fine. 4. Cloudy. 5. Fine. 6, 7. Cloudy. 8. Cloudy: rain P.M. 9—11. Cloudy. 12. Stormy: snow P.M. 13. Fine: ice this morning one eighth of an inch thick. 14. Cloudy: rain P.M. 15. Cloudy. 16. Cloudy: stormy P.M. 17, 18. Fine: stormy P.M. 19—21. Fine. 22, 23. Cloudy. 24. Cloudy: rain early A.M. 25. Cloudy. 26. Cloudy: rain early A.M. 27. Fine: stormy with rain P.M. 28. Fine: rain P.M. 29. Stormy: rain early A.M. 30. Fine. 31. Cloudy.

*Applegarth Manse, Dumfries-shire*.—Oct. 1, 2. Fine harvest days. 3. Ditto, but cloudy: frosty P.M. 4, 5. Very warm: frost rime. 6. Warm: not a breath of wind. 7. Mild day, but cloudy. 8. Fine harvest day. 9. Ditto, but threatening rain. 10. Still lowering and threatening rain. 11. High wind: slight shower. 12. Dry and cold. 13. Ditto: snow showers passing. 14. Wet all day. 15. Moist and stormy. 16. Wet all day. 17. Drying day. 18. Wet all day. 19. Drying again. 20. Clear and drying. 21, 22. Moist: showers P.M. 23. Fair A.M.: came on rain. 24. Showery. 25. Very wet P.M. 26. Rivers in flood: drying P.M. 27. Showery all day: flood again. 28. Hoar frost A.M.: fine P.M. 29. Partial showers. 30. Fine day: slight rains. 31. Fair: wet afternoon.